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October 6, 2003

Live Heavy Type Hens (7 Lbs & Up)

Final Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter

The Week of October 6, 2003

	Range	Majority	Weighted Average
Southeast Region	6.00- 9.25	8.25-8.75	8.35
South Central Region	6.75-11.25	8.00-9.00	8.83

Live Light Type Hens

* Cents Per Bird Generally For Removal Within Next 10 Days*

(Includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

Removal Cost

	Range	Majority
Eastern Region	0-12	9-11
South Central Region	TFEWR	TFEWR
North Central Region	4-12	4.5-10

Live Heavy Type Hens (7 Lb & Up)

Preliminary Negotiated Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter

The Week Of October 6, 2003

At Farm Buyer Loading

Southeast Region	Too	Few	Sales	То	Report	Prices
South Central Region	Too	Few	Sales	То	Report	Prices

National Canner Fowl Market (Without Necks)

Cents Per Pound Delivered To First Receivers

	(Freight (Cost Included)	(Without Freig	nt Cost)
	Range	Majority	Range	Majority
Light Type	22.00-27.00	25.50-26.00	20.00-25.00	23.00-23.75
Heavy Type	31.50-38.00	35.00-37.00	29.00-36.00	34.00-35.00

Miscellaneous Poultry

Ready-To-Cook Prices Negotiated For Delivery To First Receivers,

U.S. Grade A And Plant Grade, 5 Lbs. And Up

For Week Of September 29, 2003

Hens Central Ice Packe	d (12 Head Per Box)	Range 59-65	Mostly -
	(6-9 Head Per Box)	63-76	
S. California	Under 5 Lbs. Over 5 Lbs.	TFEWR 60 - 63	_